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The Director's Briefing Memo on USIS

SUBJECT: Military Requirements and Priorities for Production of National Intelligence Surveys

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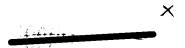
- 1. General Breitweiser urges the NIS Committee and its member agencies to institute wherever possible procedural changes which will expedite NIS production to meet the comprehensive requirements of the military establishment.
- with the problem and has effected noticeable improvement in certain NIS units; for example, doubling the annual production rate of NIS Key Personalities from 8 to 16, and increasing that of Chapter I from 8 to 12.
- 3. Further procedural and organizational efficiencies, leading to increased NIS production, can be expected as a result of the present re-examination of the problem by the member agencies with the full support of their chiefs. Nevertheless, cuthacks and diversions of staffs ranging from 15% to 25% in some of the NIS producing components have reached a point where production can no longer be adequately sustained.
- 4. In this respect, General Willems has stated that the

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 20% of the effort now devoted to the NIS program by Army if increasing

 essential requirements in the field of scientific and technical intelligence

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